BLESSING GREENHOUSES AND COMPOST FACILITY, INC. Corrective Action Plan Status Update May 13, 2021

1. <u>Sediment and Stormwater Plan Notice of Intent Submittal</u>: The Sediment and Stormwater Plan and associated application was finalized, submitted and received by the Sussex Conservation District on February 17, 2021. The Sussex Conservation District indicated the submitted documentation was complete with an anticipated 30-day turnaround. A slight delay in the original February 1, 2021 submission deadline occurred due to additional revisions required and the hired consultant was out of town on business/personal travel.

Stephens Environmental Consulting, Inc., is currently revising the Plan in preparation for final submission. The original plan is being updated to reflect April 2021 modifications made to the building design.

2. <u>Landscaping Plan:</u> A draft Landscaping Plan was submitted to the Sussex Conservation District for preliminary review and comment on January 12, 2021. The Sussex Conservation District provided a letter of no objection to the Plan. Bradshaw Landscape and Irrigation was hired to design the vegetative buffer.

Bradshaw Landscape and Irrigation finalized the design and provided to Blessing on April 12, 2021. A copy of the Landscaping Plan was hand delivered to the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Office on May 10, 2021 by Mr. Tim Willard.

- 3. Sussex County Planning and Zoning Office Meeting: Tim Willard met with Everett Moore, Esq., on April 28, 2021 to notify the County's legal department that the Preliminary Site Plan would be submitted the following week. A delay occurred with submission due to unexpected issues with the Landscaping Design Plan. Specifically, when the CAD file was converted to a PDF file, the integrity of the document was damaged, making the text illegible. The Blessing Greenhouses and Compost Facility received a new PDF document on May 5, 2021 and immediately ordered prints for submission. Electronic copies of all files were provided to Tim Willard on May 6, 2021. The Preliminary Site Plan, including the Landscaping Plan, was hand delivered by Tim Willard on May 10, 2021. A follow-up email was sent to the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Office on May 10, 2021 providing the following dropbox link, allowing electronic copies submitted documents. access to of https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hfy91lt9rxwnj5i/AABjlgzT78Xcu7X7v2PjH8eRa?dl=0
- 4. <u>Building Design:</u> Contract signed with Structor Engineering in December 2020 for the design of the building interior. The draft building design was received in March 2021. The design was reviewed and comments provided to the

Engineering firm by March 30, 2021. The Fire Marshal was contacted in March 2021 to determine fire suppression requirements.

Additional comments were provided regarding the Building Design to address piping configurations and to address comments received by Stephens Environmental Consulting, Inc., regarding site grading/elevation changes. The design was revised and provided to Blessing Greenhouses and Compost Facility and Stephens Environmental Consulting, Inc., on April 30, 2021. The building design was incorporated into the Preliminary Site Plan and submitted to the Sussex County Planning and Zoning Office for review.

- 5. Preliminary Site Plan: The Preliminary Site Plan was hand delivered on May 10, 2021 to the Planning and Zoning Office for review and approval as part of the Preliminary Site Plan process. The Preliminary Site Plan includes a new state-of-art compost building (compost activities including unloading of raw materials will occur under roof) and associated biofilter, stormwater best management practices to include submerged gravel wetlands and storm water conveyance systems, and a vegetative buffer prepared by a certified nursery professional.
- 6. <u>Coastal Zone Application</u>: A Coastal Zone Act Permit Application is required and will be prepared once details regarding composting operations (equipment and design) are finalized. A delay in the anticipated submission date (June 30, 2021) is expected.
- 7. <u>Environmental Permits:</u> Appropriate Environmental Permits will be obtained once a Coastal Zone Act Permit is issued. As the need for environmental permits are identified, the CAP will be updated to identify the permit and application submission timeframe.
- 8. <u>Final Site Plan:</u> A Final Site Plan including all buildings, buffers, site improvements and a landscaping plan and stormwater management facilities will be completed and submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission by December 31, 2022. It should be mentioned that the Blessing Greenhouses and Compost Facility anticipates submittal to occur well in advance of the December 31, 2022 deadline; with the construction of Phase 1 (compost building; submerged wetlands, vegetative berm) completed within 1 year of Final Site Plan approval. The timeframes identified within this document demonstrate the Facility's commitment to submitting and receiving approval of the Final Site Plan in an effort to complete construction of Phase 1 by Fall of 2022.
- 9. <u>Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Revisions:</u> The SWPPP will be revised to reflect facility modifications. This will be an ongoing process and DNREC will be notified and provided with each iteration of the document. The SWPPP was submitted to DNREC and approved on January 21, 2021. DNREC's letter of approval

was forwarded to the EPA on January 22, 2021. The Facility continues to implement and maintain all programs required by its GSWP. Monthly Routine Inspections will continue to be performed and the SWPPP updated as warranted.

10. <u>Final Completion Date of all Work:</u> The Blessing Greenhouses and Compost Facility anticipates construction of Phase 1 (including state-of-art building, vegetative berm, and submerged gravel wetlands) to be completed by Fall 2022. Blessing Greenhouses and Compost Facility anticipates construction of the vegetative berm and submerged wetlands to commence in the Fall 2021 and building construction to commence in Spring 2022. Construction completion is anticipated by Fall 2022.